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COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT IN NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

Dear Sir:

The present application was allowed on April 27, 2005. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's efforts in connection with the present application. In the Notice of Allowance, an Examiner's amendment of Claim 16 was listed as

A method of securely communicating a data product, while allowing the data product to be used in connection with at least one authorized computing platform entity, the at least one authorized computing platform entity having an associated identification code, the method comprising:

symmetrically encrypting at least a portion of the data product using a first cryptographic key, thereby producing an encrypted portion of the data product that can be symmetrically decrypted using the first cryptographic key;

establishing an authorization key including verification information;

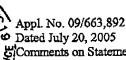
computing a first value as a first function of input parameters including (i) the identification code and (ii) a second value;

combining the first value with the first cryptographic key to produce a third value;

adding the third value to the authorization key;

thereafter using the first value as a second cryptographic key to symmetrically encrypt the authorization key, so as to produce an encrypted authorization key that can be decrypted using the first value; encrypting at least the second value to produce an encrypted value that can be decrypted using a

third cryptographic key; and



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providing to a receiving-end at least (i) the encrypted value, (ii) the encrypted authorization key, and (iii) the encrypted portion of the data product,

whereby, if the receiving end may be able to uncover the first authorization key and the cryptographic key and may therefore be able to access the verification information and decrypt the encrypted portion of the data product.

Applicant believes that the above listed Claim 16 inadvertently removed a portion of the last subparagraph of the claim as indicated below in bold text.

A method of securely communicating a data product, while allowing the data product to be used in connection with at least one authorized computing platform entity, the at least one authorized computing platform entity having an associated identification code, the method comprising:

symmetrically encrypting at least a portion of the data product using a first cryptographic key, thereby producing an encrypted portion of the data product that can be symmetrically decrypted using the first cryptographic key;

establishing an authorization key including verification information;

computing a first value as a first function of input parameters including (i) the identification code and (ii) a second value;

combining the first value with the first cryptographic key to produce a third value;

adding the third value to the authorization key;

thereafter using the first value as a second cryptographic key to symmetrically encrypt the amhorization key, so as to produce an encrypted authorization key that can be decrypted using the first value;

encrypting at least the second value to produce an encrypted value that can be decrypted using a third cryptographic key; and

providing to a receiving-end at least (i) the encrypted value, (ii) the encrypted authorization key, and

(iii) the encrypted portion of the data product,

whereby, if the receiving end has access to the third cryptographic key and the input parameters, the receiving end may be able to uncover the first authorization key and the cryptographic key and may therefore be able to access the verification information and decrypt the encrypted portion of the data product.

The Applicant's undersigned representative did not discuss or agree to removing the bolded text from Claim 16 during the telephone conference on April 18, 2005.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that Claim 16 should include the above identified bold

text.

Respectfully submitted,

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